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SUBJECT: BOGOTA MASS TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

REF: YOUR TELEX OF SEPTEMBER 9, 1976

1. THE INSTITUTO DE DESARROLLO URBANO (IDU) AND THE BOGOTA MAYOR'S OFFICE HAVE FORMED A COMMISSION TO WORK SPECIFICALLY ON THE MASS TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FOR BOGOTA. THE DIRECTOR OF THIS COMMISSION, DOCTOR CARLOS ALBERTO GARAY, INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT THEY ARE CONSIDERING TWO ALTERNATIVES FOR THIS PROJECT. THE FIRST ALTERNATIVE WOULD INVOLVE A COMPLETE FEASIBILITY STUDY. TO BE PREPARED BY A COLOMBIAN ENGINEERING FIRM WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF AN EXPERIENCED FOREIGN FIRM.

ONCE THIS STUDY IS COCLUDED, THE PROJECT WOJLD BE FINANCED AND DEVELOPED BY FOREIGN COMAPANIES. THE SECOND ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TO SELECT ONE OF THE PROPOSALS THAT HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM SPAIN AND JAPAN WHICH ARE COMPLETE PACKAGES INCLUDING FEASBILITY STUDY, DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECT AND FINANCING.

2. DOCTOR GARAY MENTIONED THAT, IF OXE FIRST ALTERNATIVE

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IS CHOSEN, THE HAVE SELECTED THE LOCAL FIRM WHICH

WOULD PERFORM THE FEASIBILITY STUDY TOGETHER WITH ENGLISH AND DUTCH FIRMS. THE FIRST ALTERNATIVE WOULD OFFER POSSIBILITIES FOR US COMPANIES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROJECT SINCE ADDITIONAL FEASIBILITY STUDIES MAY BE NEEDED FOR SPECIFIC AREAS (SOIL STUDIES, ETD) AFTER COMPLETION OF THE INITIAL FEASIBILITY STUDY. GARAY STATED THAT NOTHING HAS BEEN DECIDED YET, BUT THE COMMISSION INTENDS TO REACH A DECISION AFTER EXTENSIVELY CONSIDERING BOTH ALTERNATIVES.

3. DOCTOR GARAY MAY BE CONTACTED AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

DOCTOR CARLOS ALBERTO GARAY
DIRECTOR COMISION DE TRANPORTE MASIVO
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